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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Cullinet Orientation on CLAS Applications

1. On 5 and 6 March, Sandy Wolf of Cullinet provided a tailored orientation of the Cullinet application packages that are slated to be used for CLAS (Purchasing, Bill of Material, Inventory, Order Entry, and Accounts Payable) as well as an overview of their tie-in to General Ledger. The instruction was held at a CSC conference room in the Tycon II building near Tysons. The attendees included virtually all the CLAS team members as well as a few additional people from Finance.

2. Wolf was careful to point out that the features she was describing applied to Release 1.2 of the application software and that Release 1.3, which included a Funds Controller package, would have increased functionality. She also advised the team members to consult with each other in establishing the definition of items like the part identification and business entities because these elements were common to several different segments of the overall system.

3. During her excellent tutorial which was organized to provide the foundation for understanding the structure of the Cullinet Application Software, which like the MSA system examined earlier, is designed to support a manufacturing enterprise, Wolf made the following points:

If the users understand the record make-up, they are better able to generate individualized reports using the Culprit or On-Line Query languages.

The Agency needs to decide whether it plans to use an accrual or cash basis of accounting before it proceeds much further in adapting the Cullinet packages to its uses.

The security requirements for the CLAS project may call for data protection capabilities that exceed what are now included in the Cullinet system.

She raised several other issues (such as the consideration of having real time updating of the general ledger, and the possible value of having the functional capabilities included in the Accounts Receivable and Cost packages), but they were all considered to be of secondary importance.